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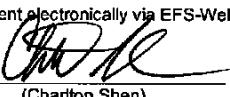
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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

It is noted that in the Office Action mailed December 19, 2005, four references of an information disclosure statement (mailed by the Applicants on June 27, 2005) were not initialed by the Examiner as being considered. The four references, Pavlov, Kransnov et al., Bonisch et al., and Rohrbach et al., are resubmitted. Applicants kindly request the Examiner's consideration of these references. Though the majority of the text of each reference is not in

English, each reference was cited in a European Patent Office Search Report for corresponding European Application EP04257515, an English copy of which is also included herewith. In accord with MPEP §609.04(a) III, the search report, which indicates the relevance of each reference cited, should be sufficient to satisfy the concise explanation requirement.

Since these references were provided not more than three months prior to Applicants knowledge of the European Search Report, no fee is believed to be required. However, if the Applicants are in error, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 141449, under Order No. 22956-235.

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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